GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Jan Aushadhi Stores
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Stores existing in each State/UT at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open more Jan Aushadhi Stores in other cities/towns in various States/UTs;

(c) if so, the locations identified by the Government and those opened so far;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make generic drugs available in Jan Aushadhi Stores for HIV, Cancer patients as well as for other diseases, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise these Jan Aushadhi Stores in the country?

Answer

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *140 for 08.12.2015
(a) At present, 111 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) are in operation as on 03.12.2015. The list of Jan Aushadhi stores functional and is given at Annexure.
(b) As per the original plan, the objective was to open at least one Jan Aushadhi Store in each of the 630 districts of the country. Later, a new business plan was prepared in August, 2013 and the objective was revised to open 3000 JASs by the end of the 12th Five Year Plan period 2012-17. The Government proposes to open as many Jan Aushadhi Stores as possible in various parts of the country.
(c) As per the new action plan for opening of Jan Aushadhi stores, they can be opened anywhere in 36 States/Union Territories (UTs) of India i.e. within Government Hospital Premises as well as outside. In addition JAS can be located at any other location including municipal buildings / Hospitals run by NGOs / Charitable organization / private organizations.
(d) As of now, Jan Aushadhi Stores have 14 medicines (Tablets & Injections) in their list for treatment of cancer but none for HIV. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) has initiated various steps to increase the basket of products and services. As on date, 350 medicines are available at their central warehouse. The medicines now available cover 16 therapeutic groups like (a) Anti-diabetic (b) Cardiac, (c) Gastro (d) anti-infective (e) Analgesic (f) Respiratory and Vitamins (g) Oncology (Cancer) etc. BPPI is in the process of including medicines for the remaining diseases like HIV also.
(e) A detailed plan of Media activities has been prepared. BPPI will initiate various media and publicity campaigns around each Jan Aushadhi Store through hoardings, bulk SMS, Mobile exhibitions, distribution of pamphlets etc. Production of an appropriate 30 sec. TV spot (Jago Grahak Jago) is also being taken up through DAVP. Telecast through DD and other TV Channels in regional languages for a period of 30 days is also being planned. A campaign through social media is also being taken up.
Efforts have been made to motivate various charitable institutions, NGO's and Trusts to start JAS in their hospitals.
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